

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT! SCENE OF THE BOILER EXPLOSION.

Explosion of a Steam Boiler in the Heart of the City.

The Building in Ruins.

A Frightful Loss of Life.

Seventeen Dead Bodies Taken from the Wreck.

Five Persons Rescued, Badly Injured.

Seven Persons are Still Missing.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

At half-past 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, an accident occurred in the very center of the city which is certainly without parallel in its past history.

The scene of the disaster of yesterday is represented in the accompanying cut.

The building was located about midway between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the block bounded on the north by Sanson street and on the south by Medical street, having a front on both.

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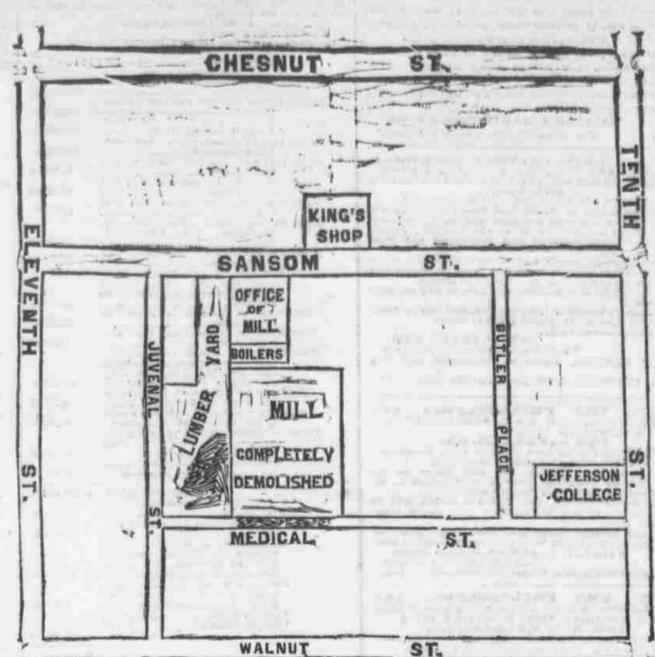
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"The body of one dead person, and several who were severely injured, but still alive, were taken before I came to this afternoon. Two iron men, when they were revealed, was terrible and almost sickening.

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Sanson, nearly opposite the scene of the explosion, looks as though it had been subjected to a rain of ashes.

The workmen on the rear scaffolding of Mr. J. M. Hedeigh's large building to the east of the St. Lawrence Hotel, were either blown or jumped over the battlements, and all of them, five or six in number, were more or less injured, none of them, however, seriously.

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Geasey was last seen making his way towards the south side of the building.

Among those who were reported this morning as being missing, the following are alive, and not slightly if at all injured—Mr. Reader, of the firm of Miller, Reader & Co.; James Engle; Mr. Tucker; and James Scott.

Messrs. Geasey & Ward employed twenty-five men, eight of whom are known to be alive. Five men were employed by Messrs. Miller, Reader & Co., and only one by the Schomacker Company, he being absent at the time of the explosion.

THE LOSSES sustained by Messrs. Geasey & Ward will amount to \$1500 on machinery, and \$14,000 on material.

The loss of the Schomacker Company will reach \$1000. The building belonged to the estate of Charles Goodwin.

THE INQUIRY on the bodies of the dead will be held at the earliest possible moment. The coroner has named the following as his jury:

Henry Lyons, Prof. Henry Morton, Coleman, Samuel S. Williamson, John A. Fulton, John Agnew, and James Neal.

Half-past 10 o'clock this morning the jury assembled at the corner of Fifth and Chesnut streets, and having organized, proceeded at 11 o'clock, headed by the coroner and Deputy Coroner, to inspect to ruins.

On arriving at the spot a body of volunteers, principally composed of other identifiable friends, were engaged in examining the remains of one of the unfortunate, which were subsequently recognized as those of George Dilks, an engraver.

After some delay at that locality the jury were conducted to the corner of Third and Market streets, below Eleventh, where were found the remains of three human beings, so charred by the fire as to be totally unrecognizable.

After some deliberation the jury were duly sworn by the coroner, and a meeting was appointed at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, at the shop of Mr. King, in Sanson street.

The party then walked to Mr. King's place of business, for the purpose of inspecting a steam-valve which had been thrown by the force of the explosion on Mr. King's premises.

From what we could learn, we should judge that the explosion was caused by the steam having been cut off, either by the engineer or some other person connected with the establishment, and the safety valve, and the safety valve, thereby preventing the possibility of any indication of danger, and which accounts for the engineer's statement of there being not a pound of steam on at the time of the explosion.

If it is ascertained that the boiler was not found, the question as to whether this stopcock was so turned or not can be established.

MOVEMENTS are on foot in various quarters for the relief of the sufferers by the catastrophe.

The agents of the Home Missionary Society were this morning taken measures to ascertain the condition of the families of those killed.

Thomas P. Jenkins, the engineer, will give a benefit for the sufferers on Monday evening next.

The Commercial Exchange Association this morning made a liberal subscription for the same object.

THE PEARLY GATES. Pure white teeth and sweet breath, issuing like perfume from the rose, through a pair of lovely lips, are, as Shakespeare says, "an excellent thing in a woman."

THE TAX-PAYERS CONSULTING OFFICE. ROOM 15, No. 274 SOUTH THIRD STREET.

The undersigned, formerly Assessor of Internal Revenue, lately established an office as above for the purpose of advising and assisting citizens having business with the Internal Revenue Department.

On Saturday afternoon last, while engaged in business, one of the undersigned's clerks, who stated that they desired his advice and assistance in relation to a matter of a certain kind, was suddenly seized by a man named Kelly, who offered a few dollars to the undersigned to keep the matter quiet.

The undersigned endeavored to impress upon the Revenue Inspector the importance of his duties, and insisted that he should not be allowed to be with drawn from his post.

The undersigned then informed the parties in interest of the result. He had no other conversation with the Revenue Inspector, and he is not aware of other than that in the presence of Mr. Kelly, a deed was done, and the undersigned is not aware of the result.

THE DEAD thus far recovered are as follows:—Henry Mealy, aged 35, and married, residing in West Philadelphia. Both his arms were burned, and he died from suffocation.

Mr. Drear, residing at Fourth and Conestoga streets, was killed by a falling boiler. He was a married man; residence, Charlotte street, above Brown.

James O'Donnell, a cabinet-maker, identified by a patch recently put upon his pantaloons.

George Dilks, residing at Second and Union streets. He was an engraver, and was found in the centre of the building, near the boiler.

Alexander Clawson, residing in West Philadelphia. He was a cooper, and had a fracture of the collar bone, and also of the skull, was taken to the hospital, but died about 2 o'clock this morning.

August Lanz, aged forty years, resided at No. 84 North Third street; leaves a wife and two children. Body burnt to crisp; recognized.

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FLAID SILK POPLINS, \$1-00. CHECK SILKS, ALL COLORS, \$1-00 PER YARD.

BLACK AND WHITE FLAID SILKS, \$1. NEW MATERIALS FOR TRAVELLING COSTUMES.

FIGURED GREVADINES, SILK AND WOOL POPLINS, FRENCH JACONET LAWNS, 31 CENTS.

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Yard-wide Bleached Muslin, 1 1/2 cts. Excellent Yard-wide Shirtings, 16, 18, and 20 cts.

New York Mills, Williamsville, and Wamsutta. Wide Sheetings, very low.

Pillow Muslins, 2 1/2 and 2 3/4 cts. Good Yard-wide Unbleached, 15, 16, and 18 cts.

Very Best Heavy Unbleached Muslins, 29 and 32 cts. Unbleached Sheetings, cheap.

Cloth and Cassimere Department. All-wool Cassimeres, 75, 85 cts, and \$1 00.

Fine Cassimeres for Boys' Wear, 65 cts to \$1 00. Mixed Cassimeres, for suits, \$1 25.

Silk Mixtures for Business Suits, \$1 25 to \$2 00. Linen Drills and Ducks.

Stripe and Plaid Linens. 5000 yards Cloth for Ladies' Wear, one hundred different styles. Prices, \$1 25 to \$4 50.

J. C. STRAWBRIDGE & CO. NORTHWEST CORNER EIGHTH AND MARKET STS. PHILADELPHIA.

REMOVAL. J. M. HAFLEIGH, No. 902 CHESNUT STREET.

HAVING DETERMINED TO CLOSE OUT HIS ENTIRE STOCK OF SPRING AND SUMMER DRESS GOODS,

BEFORE REMOVING TO HIS NEW STORE, Nos. 1012 and 1014 CHESNUT ST.

WILL OFFER THE SAME, ON AND AFTER MONDAY, MAY 27. At such reduction in prices as will insure the sale of all DRESS FABRICS, a large portion of which will be sold at ONE-HALF the former prices.

EYRE & LANDELL. S. W. Corner of Fourth and Arch Sts. LARGE STOCK OF SUMMER QUILTS.

10-4 AND 11-4 LANCASTER QUILTS. 11-4 HONEY COMB QUILTS. 11-4 BLUE AND WHITE LANCASTER QUILTS.

FINEST WHITE QUILTS IMPORTED. HOTEL SUPPLIES, WHITE QUILTS, TABLE LINENS, SHEETINGS, ETC., ETC.

HAVE JUST OPENED ANOTHER CASE NEWLY MADE, FINE LADIES' SUITS. DARK LAWNS, FRENCH AND ENGLISH. THIS GOODS, FULLY MADE.

CHIEF DRY GOODS, CARPETS, MATTINGS, OIL CLOTHS, AND WINDOW BLINDS. Great Bargains from Auction, 10-12 ARCH ST.

PARIS—AU PAGE, No. 16 RUE VIVIERE. Bottom of the Court Yard, on the left first floor. SPECIALTY FINE SILKS, MASTERS HAUTE NOUVEAUTE.

WANTED. FIVE HUNDRED RECRUITS for the U. S. Marine Corps. Recruits must be able-bodied, young, unmarried men.

PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGE. HOLD REGULAR SALES OF REAL ESTATE, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC., at Philadelphia Exchange, every Friday at 10 o'clock.

AUCTION SALES.

PHILIP FORD, Auctioneer. M. C. L. E. L. A. N. D. & CO. AUCTIONEERS, No. 54 MARKET STREET.

SALE OF 1800 CARBON SHOES, BROGANS, BALMORALS, ETC. On Monday Morning, June 10, commencing at 10 o'clock, we will sell by catalogue, for cash, 1800 cases Shoes, Brogans, Balmorals, etc.

JOHN B. MYERS & CO., AUCTIONEERS. No. 223 and 224 MARKET STREET. LARGE PEREMPTORY SALE OF FRENCH AND OTHER EUROPEAN DRY GOODS, ETC.

On Monday Morning, June 10, at 10 o'clock, we will sell by catalogue, on four months credit, about 50 lots of French, Indian, German, and British Dry Goods, embracing a full assortment of heavy and light articles in silks, worsteds, woollens, linens, and cottons.

LARGE PEREMPTORY SALE OF BROGANS, BROGANS, TRAVELLING BAGS, ETC. On Tuesday Morning, June 11, at 10 o'clock, we will sell by catalogue, on four months credit, about 150 packages brogans, shoes, balmorals, etc., of city and Eastern manufacture.

LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND INDIA DRY GOODS, ETC. On Thursday Morning, June 13, at 10 o'clock, embracing 100 packages and lots of staple and fancy articles, in stockings, woollens, linens, silks, and cottons.

B. SCOTT, JR., AUCTIONEER, No. 1020 CHESTNUT STREET. AUCTION SALES OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

B. SCOTT, JR., will give his personal attention to sales of household furniture, at the residences of parties removing or breaking up housekeeping, at the most favorable terms.

ATTRACTIVE SALE OF MODERN PAINTINGS, CRYSTAL MEDALLIONS, PASTELS, ETC. From the collection of Art Gallery, New York.

B. SCOTT, JR., will sell at the Art Gallery, No. 1020 Chestnut Street, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 13, 14, and 15, at 8 o'clock, over 800 Modern Paintings, pastels and Crystal Medallions, of varied and pleasing subjects, elegantly mounted in rich gold-leaf frames, and all belonging to the American Art Gallery, New York.

600 FIVE-GALLON DEMONIAHS, FINE OLD WINES, BRANDIES, G. N. WHISKIES, ETC. On Saturday Morning, June 8, at 11 o'clock, at the Art Gallery, No. 1020 Chestnut Street, will be sold 600 five-gallon demoniahs fine old Wines, Brandies, G. N. Whiskies, etc., all selected from the stock of B. Scott, Jr.

Also, 100 cases of fine old brandies, Cognacs, Calognes and samples arranged for examination on a morning of sale. \$1 00.

M. THOMAS & SONS, NOS. 139 AND 141 E. SECOND STREET. SALE OF STOCKS AND REAL ESTATE.

At 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, June 11, will include—Assigned Peremptory sale—20 shares Union National Bank.

20 shares Schuylkill National Bank. 20 shares Sixth National Bank. 20 shares Third National Bank.

20 shares Schuylkill National Bank, common stock. 20 shares Big Mountain Coal Company. 20 shares Philadelphia Park Association.

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